



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Akhil Sahai et al.	§	Art Unit:	2141
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For:	Decentralized Management of Composite Digital Services	§	Atty. Dkt. No.:	10991884-1 (HPC.0143US)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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